



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: "Mayor's Annual Holiday Child Share Program"

MEETING DATE: November 6, 1996

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

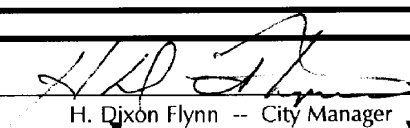
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Warner present a proclamation kicking off the "Mayor's Annual Holiday Child Share Program".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mayor Warner has been requested to present a proclamation kicking off the "Mayor's Annual Holiday Child Share Program" in the City of Lodi. Paula Soto with the Lodi Community Service Center will be present to accept the proclamation.

FUNDING: None required.


Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

OCTOBER 29, 1996

LODI CITY HALL
ATTN: JENNIFER

PROCLAMATION INFORMATION

THE LODI COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER AND THE CITY OF LODI THROUGH THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL CHILD SARE PROGRAM WILL SPONSOR THE TOY DRIVE "KICK-OFF" ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15, 1996 AT 11:00 A.M.. AT LODI CITY HALL.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MULTIPHASE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. PLEASE READ THE LETTER ATTACHED, INFORMING YOU ABOUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP OUT THIS YEAR.

I HAVE ALSO INCLUDED A COPY OF THE LETTER MAILED OUT TO THE DIFFERENT BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.

THE CHRISTMAS BARRELS WILL BE PLACED IN THE COMMUNITY, BEGINNING NOVEMBER , 5, 1996. ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE CAN EITHER BRING THEIR DONATIONS TO THESE SITES OR BRING THEM TO THE LODI COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER AT 415 S. Sacramento St. ANYONE NOT ABLE TO BRING THEIR DONATIONS, MAY CALL US TO PICK UP.

ALL DONATIONS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL BEGINNING DECEMBER 9, 1996 UP TO DECEMBER 20, 1996.

WOULD YOU PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR THE MAYOR AND EACH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY HALL MEETING?

THANK YOU,

PAULA P. SOTO

October 16, 1996

Dear Community Center Supporter:

The Lodi Community Service Center is a service facility available to the homeless, unemployed and needy residents of the northern San Joaquin County. We offer a broad range of services to 1,400-1,500 individuals per month, ranging from employment assistance, job training, food, clothing, education workshops and community referrals. All services and programs at the center are provided free of charge. The programs we provide are solely supported by community donations.

Demand for services over the past 12 months has increased by 15%. Unfortunately, more and more individuals and families are requesting assistance with the most basic of needs. As the holidays approach, we are asking for your assistance in helping clients during this special time of year.

This year, the Lodi Community Service Center's Holiday Giveaway program is focusing on four important areas: food, clothing, bedding and toys.

FOOD - Each year the center offers a Christmas Dinner Box, which includes a mixture of canned goods and staples to enable our families to enjoy a nice holiday dinner. Your monetary donation or purchase of a turkey can be delivered to the center at 415 South Sacramento Street.

CLOTHING - There is an urgent need for winter coats and jackets for adults and children. Many children will enter the winter months without proper warm coats or jackets, resulting in increased exposure to cold and the possibility of illness. Your donation will enable us to provide these essential items of clothing to them.

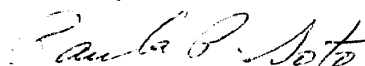
BEDDING - The center's goal during this time of year is to "Blanket the City of Lodi." Many of our families are lacking essential household supplies. Our particular concern during the winter season is the lack of proper bedding, which many families express as a need.

TOYS - The Community Service Center will offer a Christmas Party for more than 500 children who will receive gifts and a visit with Santa. We are asking for donations of unwrapped new and used toys in excellent condition. These toys may be deposited in the designated barrels located throughout the Lodi area. In addition, you may bring your donations to the center up to December 20.

Please help us meet one of these needs this year. Many local families, seniors and individuals will benefit directly from your support. You may specify which category you would like your donation to support by checking one of four boxes on the attached donation form. The generosity of Lodi citizens and businesses over the years has allowed the center to continue its programs and services. Your donation will help us create the kind of Christmas that will be memorable for all involved.

We need volunteers to carry out this huge program. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact me at 209-331-7516. Please share this need with your Board, fellow employees, friends and neighbors as soon as possible. Your donation will make a difference!

Sincerely,



Paula Soto
Director

LODI COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
415 S. Sacramento Street, • Lodi, CA 95440 • 209-31-7516

October 25, 1996

Dear Community Volunteer:

The Christmas Holidays are around the corner. Yes, and we need your help again!

Our Christmas planning meetings will begin on October 31, 1996. We will meet at the center at 3:00 P.M. every Thursday thereafter these are the dates, October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and December 5th.

Please encourage your fellow employees, friends and neighbors to give of themselves. Invite them to our meetings so they can be informed of the many ways they can help.

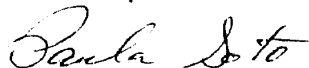
If you are unable to attend the meetings here are some ways you may contribute to the program.

- A. Organize food, toys, blankets and Christmas wrapping paper DRIVES within your neighborhood, apartment complexes, mobile home parks and your family. All donations must be brought in by December 20th.**
- B. Sign-up to help sort, wrap, label and distribute toys.**
- C. Sign-up to sort, stack and distribute Christmas baskets.**
- D. Sign-up to help out at children Christmas party, December 16, 1996.**
- E. Volunteer your pick-up truck, van or vehicle to pick-up donations.**

These are just a few ways in which you can help out. You can make a difference by volunteering your time.

Looking forward to seeing you and including you in our Christmas Holiday Spirit!!!

Sincerely,



**Paula Soto
Lodi Service Center Director**